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C H A P. I.

Our heroine traverses the island; description of an uncommon animal, with her thoughts thereon.

I H A D matter enough to employ my thoughts during this interim, to reconsider what I had said, and what method I should pursue for the future with these people. Besides, I had some domestick cares

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upon my hands: I now set about preparing a better convenience for my rest by night, and busied myself the remainder of the day, as soon as I perceived the people were gone off the island, with gathering leaves and other things to make my bed, which at last I made pretty tolerable. The next day I removed all the things I had concealed into the subterraneous apartments, bestowing some in one and some in another. I found it necessary also to provide myself with more fat, that I might not want light, and indeed with some meat; for these purposes I was obliged to kill a couple of goats, a task always very disagreeable to me. As my habitation was very gloomy and melancholy, I spent what leisure time I had, in walking up and
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down the island. In these few days, I saw more of it than I had in all the time I had been upon the island. I found it well watered with little rivulets, and vast variety of trees, many of which bore different kinds of fruits. Those which I perceived had been pecked by birds I tasted, and found some of them very delicious.

Among the various kinds of birds I found one sort exceeding beautiful. It was about the size of a large parrot; its feathers delightfully variegated with the colours of the rainbow, those of its tail spreading like those of the peacock; but not near so large, nor numerous. Of the four-footed animals I saw one of a most extraordinary kind. It was of the size of a large

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dog, as to its body, but its legs, which were very long, were by no means proportioned to the bulk of this strange animal, being so slender as to bend under him, infomuch that it could move only with the utmost slowness. I wondered within myself how this creature could either defend, or provide for itself; but observing it more closely, I took notice that its eyes were uncommonly large, for an animal of that size, projecting far from the head, and so frightful as to excite fear in me; and I should have fled from it, only that I perceived it could not overtake me, had I walked ever so slow. The mouth of it was no less dreadful; it kept the lips of it almost constantly drawn asunder, which showed two horrid rows of sharp, but short teeth.

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It was at this time labouring to get into a kind of pasture. I determined to watch its motions, thinking it might be seeking its prey; for I did not doubt but that the goodness and wisdom of providence, which had thus wonderfully provided for its security, had doubtless taken no less care for its support. It was a long time in getting to the place it seemed designed to reach. As it walked or rather limped along, several animals passed it, many much bigger than itself, who no sooner saw it than they ran from it, as if afraid of being destroyed by it. I took notice that as any of these approached him, he rowled his eyes, which encreased their fierceness, at the same time showing his teeth.

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At length he got into the grafs, and then laid himself down, extended as if dead. I came up to him behind, for his looks were too terrifying to face him, and fitting down at some distance, was resolved to watch, that I might discover whether he chose this place merely for rest, or with some other view. He soon changed his posture a little, so that I could perceive that his eyes were shut, and his lips closed; I therefore concluded that he was going to sleep; however, I still continued in my place. The hair on his body was very thick and long, perhaps five or six inches; the extremities of every cluster of them formed a kind of bunch, or small tuft, as large as an hasel-nut. Having sat about a quarter of an hour, I saw a great number of field-mice
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come up to him, who presently began to nibble at these tufts, the animal continuing to lie still; but after a very considerable number of mice had thus employed themselves, he got up, and shook himself violently; when, to my great astonishment, I found these mice, some way or other so fastened and secured to these tufts, that very few of them could disengage themselves. And now, his neck being very long, he turned his head, and devoured them very greedily, one after another. I dare say that in a few minutes, he ate near three hundred of them; for his body was almost covered with them.

My curiosity was amply gratified, if an human being may say so, of
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the sudden destruction of such a number of innocent animals; but the divine being has been pleased to permit animals to support themselves by devouring one another. I say permit; for I cannot think that it was the original design of the Almighty, that animals should at all destroy one another. I suppose it rather to be one of the unhappy consequences of the general corruption of nature. I know it may be replied, that some animals seem by their make to be designed to subsist on animal food only, and are accordingly provided with teeth and claws, unadapted for feeding on herbage, or fruits, and with stomachs evidently made for digesting animal substances; whilst those parts in animals who eat no animal food, are quite

these mice were entangled by, or fastened to, the tufts of hair, so as not be enabled to disengage themselves, nor not even when the creature shook himself so violently, which, one would naturally think, was a circumstance in their favour. However, since I am upon this subject, which at least is pleasing to myself, and I think no ignoble contemplation for an ingenuous mind, I will hazard my own conjecture upon the occasion. As we know, by the assistance of the microscope, that the hairs of animals are pervious, or hollow, and that they are pervaded by some kind of liquid matter, for their growth and nourishment, perhaps that with which the hairs of this animal are filled and nourished may be of a more extraordinary glutinous kind, and as the

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tufts

tufts formed by the extremities of these hairs are pretty big, a large quantity of this glutinous matter being lodged there, the nibbling of the mice breaking the hairs, this glutinous matter may so fasten the hairs to the inside of their mouths, as to render it exceeding difficult for them to disengage themselves, at least soon enough to prevent their being devoured: and I think the shaking of the animal must doubly contribute to their danger; because this motion prevents them from fixing their feet against his body, which would assist them in disengaging their mouths from the tufts, and being thus in a hanging state, their fear may make them bite the tufts the closer, upon the motion of the beast, and thereby ren-

der them a still easier victim: so that nature seems to have endowed him with this artifice the more effectually to secure his prev.



C H A P. II.

The Indians return to the island; she continues her instructions, and commands them to return weekly.

THUS did I busy or amuse myself; and indeed I cannot imagine to myself any situation in which a thinking being, free from pain of body, and great anxiety of mind, cannot divert itself. I can always find something, from without or within myself, for my amusement. Often have I been diverted with watching the flights of a fly, or the excursions of a spider, till my mind has been so filled with the display of the infinite wisdom of the
Creator,

Creator, in the formation of his works, as to elevate my mind to the most exalted adoration. Nor does darkness deprive me of my mental amusements: in this state I can reflect on those things that I have seen, heard, or read of. The recollection of these sets my busy imagination at work, and I am pleased, nay, I am happy; and darkness has no horrors for me.

How miserable must those be who complain for want of amusement! How wretched such a state! What! want matter for thought? Can a thinking being, such as man is, say thus? Look round, is not all nature about thee teeming with subjects well adapted for thy contemplation, happily prepared for thy entertainment? But whither will my thoughts

thoughts carry me? my province is not that of a philosopher, but historian. And if my reader has travelled thus far with me, I doubt not but he is impatient to hear again of my late visitors, perhaps more so than I was. Nor do I wonder that events so extraordinary should attract his attention; and if ever they should be published in any country, I doubt not but they will soon be naturalized throughout Europe, and in different languages, and in succeeding ages, be the delight of the ingenious and inquisitive; and that some future bold adventurer's imagination, lighted up by my torch, will form a fictitious story of one of his own sex, the solitary inhabitant of a desolate island*.

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* Our authoress here seems to please herself, with the thoughts of the immortality of her history,

Such imaginary scenes, like those of a play, may have a temporary effect, but not permanent, like the real ones of mine.

At length the appointed morning came, against whose advent I took care to be ready placed within the statue. Having waited a short time, I saw only the seven priests advancing towards me. I wondered not to see them followed by any of their people, and thought it very odd. When they were come up pretty near, they stopt, and having made their accustomed obeifances, stood silent, I

tory, and to prophesy of that of Robinson Crusoe, which only is inferior to her own, as fiction is to truth.

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supposed waiting till I spoke. After I had reflected a little on this occasion, I begun. "Why has none of the
" people attended you?"

High-Priest. "It is our business to
" instruct the people, and if you will
" please to teach us, we will inform
" them accordingly."

Answer. "Why?"

High-priest. "Because we live by
" teaching them, and if you only
" should teach them, they will not
" give us those good things which they
" now do."

Answer. "But I will not teach you
" only; I will teach them also. Nor
" need

“ need you fear losing your sub-
“ sistence. I will take care it shall
“ be continued. Hear me then,
“ and if you fear me, observe my
“ command. Let one of you go
“ and fetch some of the people; and
“ let the rest of the priests wait here
“ till the others return.”

The peremptory manner in which I uttered these words, seemed to affect them much. They made their usual obeisances; and then the high-priest answered, “ that they were
“ very ready to comply with my
“ commands; but that it would rather take up too much time, to
“ go back to their countrymen, and
“ return again the same day, to
“ make any convenient stay afterwards.”

“wards, to hear my instructions; but
“that if I pleased they would return
“home, and attend me, with some of
“the people, in the morning.”

To this I agreed, and accordingly they immediately withdrew, having taken a respectful leave.

As soon as they were gone, I descended into my subterraneous apartments, took some refreshments, and spent the remainder of the day in providing some necessaries, and rambling about the island. The next morning, I took care early to place myself in the statue. Nor had I waited very long, before I perceived the priests coming forward, with a considerable number of the people with them. The usual

usual ceremonies past, I began to discourse upon the nature and attributes of the Deity, from what are usually called the principles of natural religion; though I believe, strictly speaking, all religion to be revealed. I stopt at every convenient pause, two or three minutes, that I might not weary their attention, and give them opportunity to reflect, as it were step by step, upon what I said.

As I was well acquainted with the manners of the Indians, I adapted my discourse to their own way of reasoning, and avoided all such terms, and modes of speech, as are intelligible only to Europeans. When I had discoursed near three hours in this manner, I desisted, desiring them to take some refreshment.

refreshment, with which I saw they had provided themselves, and that afterwards I would call to them; and then the priests, or any of the people, might ask what questions they should please concerning what I had delivered. I ordered them to retire to some distance from where they were. This I did, that I might not be heard, as I intended to withdraw for a little time out of the statue, to take some refreshment myself.

As soon as I had taken my place as before, I called to my audience, who respectfully returned to their former station. I repeated the leave I had given to them, to ask any questions relative to my discourse. All the priests, in their turns, asked me several

veral pertinent and sensible questions; to which I replied as well as I was able and I believe to their satisfaction. But observing that the laity still kept silence, I endeavoured to encourage them to propose their questions also, and was answered, by some, “ We “ know nothing; our priests know “ all; teach our priests, and they “ will teach us.” From this I concluded, that the priests had dealt in private with them, and had forbid their asking any questions, that they might preserve their superiority among them.

I therefore addressed myself to them with some sharpness, reminding them of what I had told them before, “ that “ I would not teach them only; “ but

“ but that I would teach the people
“ also.”

Upon this the priests submissively bowed, and declared their readiness to obey my commands. I then proceeded, as well as I could, further to explain what I had delivered in the fore part of the day ; and concluded with telling them, I should be ready to continue my instructions to them, for that I had much more to say, once a week, provided the priests would attend that day week, and so on, with as many of the people as should choose to come ; but as the high-priest was very aged and infirm, he might come, or not, as he pleased. To this the
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high-priest said he would conform. I then told them they might return home as soon as they pleased; and it was not long before they all quitted the island.



C H A P. III.

Perplexed in what manner to act, she ascends the idol, addresses the Indians, and informs them, that a person shall come to instruct them in the knowledge of the true God.

I Now once more found myself left to my little occupations, and to my own thoughts. I soon, and easily, fulfilled the demands of the former; but not so those of the latter. I had engaged in an affair that required the utmost attention, and not the smallest abilities. This latter reflection startled me. What an arduous attempt? thought I, and was abashed; would I had never engaged! but how can I

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desist? This was as difficult to answer, as how to go on. As I knew something of the manner of the Indians, I did not doubt of their docibility; but I was very suspicious of the priests. I foresaw they would never easily suffer themselves to become useless to the people, and nothing less could be the consequence of my instructing them. And supposing this to be got over, how was I to proceed to continue teaching them from the statue, if I hoped to make any tolerable progress, as it would render their attendance more frequent than might be convenient to them? and in the wet season they could not come at all; and further, how could I, with any possible degree of comfort, continue to live under ground even in the summer? and in the winter I should

should be entirely confined under ground. This last thought affected me so much, that I saw the absolute necessity of going to live among the Indians, whatever my success in teaching, or reception, might prove. I determined to trust in providence for a discharge of the first; and no less to rely on its protection, as to my personal security. Though I had thus determined the part I was to take, there yet remained a great difficulty, how to introduce myself among them. They might at present conceive of me as more than mortal, reverence me, and pay an implicit faith to all my teachings; but how would their opinion of me change, when they should discover me to be a mere mortal, a destitute stranger, even needing their support! What creden-

tials had I to support the novel doctrines that I was to introduce? How was I to combat old opinions, handed down from father to son, received with reverence, and, no doubt, maintained with obstinacy? What advantage would not all these difficulties give the priests over me, among an ignorant and deluded people? and what might not exasperated bigotry prompt them to? nay, I knew not, but they might even think it necessary and right to destroy one who should dare to deny the deity of the sun, and expose the absurdity of their religion.

These were discouraging reflections, and the more I considered them, the more I was intimidated; and I heartily repented that I had ever spoken to them,
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and again was irresolute as to going among them. Thus was I distracted whether I determined to stay, or go; to stay was attended with certain evils; to go, too probably, with very great ones. Miserable wretch! cried I, what shall I do? tears succeeded; and I could think no more, with any coherence. As soon as I was a little composed, I had recourse to my usual consolation, prayer; and now my mind was calm, I could view the difficulties before me without terror, and distinguish between positive and real dangers.

I concluded to trust providence, in adopting that course, which, upon the most mature consideration, should appear to have the fewest difficulties, and the most advantages on its side. It

was to go among the Indians; the manner thus; not to acquaint them in the least with my condition, that they might not conceive any prejudices against me on that account, and that by keeping them ignorant who I was, or how I came to them, I might preserve a superiority over them, sufficient to keep them in awe, and to excite their obedience: yet I determined to speak no untruth. Accordingly, when the day of their return arrived, and the priests, and a great many of the people were present before the statue, I thus addressed them:

Oracle. “ Be attentive, and hear!
“ You are a people ignorant of the
“ knowledge of the true and only
“ God, who made heaven and earth,
“ and

“ and every thing therein; you are
 “ also ignorant of that worship, which
 “ God expects from his creatures; and
 “ of that happiness, which he will
 “ bestow upon all those who worship
 “ him according to his holy will.

“ This his holy will he hath revealed
 “ to many thousands of men and wo-
 “ men like you, who live in other
 “ parts of the earth, and now you
 “ also may know his holy will and be
 “ happy.

“ God hath been pleased to send
 “ into the world, from time to time,
 “ holy men, and sometimes women,
 “ to instruct mankind in the know-
 “ ledge of him; and at last his son, to
 “ instruct them more fully.

“ But forasmuch as mankind had
“ by their great wickedness offended
“ God, of whom you are a part, he
“ would have punished them with a
“ very grievous punishment; but his
“ son, who loved them, came down
“ upon earth and was made a man,
“ and offered himself up a sacrifice to
“ his father, that mankind might be for-
“ given, reconciled unto his father,
“ and be made good people, by believ-
“ ing and doing as he taught them.

“ He was, whilst upon earth, at-
“ tended by certain persons, called his
“ disciples, who wrote the history of
“ his life. This history, with the
“ writings of the holy men, who lived
“ before his coming into the world,
“ and the writings of his disciples,
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“ designed to teach all men, you shall
 “ have for your instruction.

“ With respect to teaching you the
 “ holy religion of the son of God
 “ from this place, it will be too incon-
 “ venient to you to come here, as
 “ often as necessary; and during the
 “ rainy seasons, every year, it will be
 “ impossible for you to come at all.

“ Therefore, that you may not want
 “ that instruction, which is necessary
 “ to your happiness here, and after
 “ you are dead, you shall be taught in
 “ this manner.

“ A person shall come to you, like
 “ yourselves, and that you may be
 “ the less fearful or suspicious, that

“ person shall be a woman, who shall
“ live among you as you do.

“ She shall bring with her the holy
“ writings I have been speaking of,
“ and shall teach all of you, especially
“ your priests, who shall instruct you
“ after her departure, the knowledge
“ of the true God, and the way to be
“ happy for ever.

“ You must be sure to show the
“ greatest respect to her, do every
“ thing that she shall command you,
“ never ask who she is, from whence
“ she comes, or when, or whether
“ she will leave you. Never hinder
“ her from coming to this island when
“ she pleases, nor follow her hither
“ without her leave. You must
“ all

“ all believe, and do as she shall in-
 “ struct you, and never presume to
 “ come to this island without her
 “ leave, or do any thing that she
 “ forbids.

“ But I do not want to force her
 “ among you: if you do not choose
 “ she should come, speak, and she shall
 “ not come; and I will be dumb
 “ for ever.”

Answer. “ Let her come! let her
 “ come! let her come! and we will
 “ love and obey her.”

This was the cry of all, with a
 noise in my ears like that of thunder;
 whilst they showed every outward sign
 of joy. As soon as all were again
 silent, I once more addressed them.

Oracle. “ Hear me then, let as many
“ of you as please come here three
“ days hence, two hours after the sun
“ is risen, and you will see her sitting
“ upon these steps, drest like the
“ high-priest of the sun. Receive
“ her with great respect, and conduct
“ her to your country, and remember
“ all I have said.”

I now was silent, when the whole
multitude shouted,

Answer. “ We will meet her! we
“ will meet her!”

This important business of the day
being thus concluded, they all returned
home, and left me not a little pleased
at the happy expedient I had devised

to procure myself a favourable retreat among the Indians, and a high probability of success in my future teachings.

It now only remained to prepare for my departure. The day before the return of the Indians I collected together all my clothes, and the few books that I had; but had no chest to put them in, having broken that when I tumbled it down from the rock. I considered how to supply this want, and at last concluded to tie them up as well as I could with twigs, having no cords. Having first chosen such things as I intended to make my appearance in, I wrapt my bundle up in one of the priest's golden.

golden vestments, and put in two others. The last evening I spent in particular prayers upon the ensuing occasion.



C H A P. IV.

*Apparels herself in the richest manner,
and waits the approach of the Indians;
acquaints them she was sent by the
oracle; presents them with rings, and
partakes of a repast.*

WHEN the expected morning
came, I awoke by day-break,
drest myself in white, and, over all,
put on the high-priest's vestments, that
I had found upon my first searching of
the subterraneous apartments. These
were a kind of cassock, or vest, formed
of gold wire, or rather of small nar-
row plated gold, curiously folded, or
twisted together, like net-work, which
buttoned close with diamonds. Over

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this I put on, formed of the same materials, and in the same manner, a gown, sprinkled all over with precious stones, and here and there a large diamond. On my head I placed a crown of most exquisite make, richly beset with precious stones of various sizes and colours; one on the top particularly large, which emitted from all parts of it a light greater than that of either of my lamps. In my right hand I held a golden staff, or rod, with a small image of the sun on the top of it. On one of my fingers I wore the ring, and on each arm a rich bracelet, all which I found at the same time I discovered all these other things.

I had made myself a kind of wicker basket, which I filled with a great number

number of gold rings, all from the same repository. When I first discovered all these treasures, I then little thought they would ever prove of any real use to me. Nor did I now thus adorn myself from pride; but I thought the extraordinary appearance that they would give me, might procure me a more favourable reception. The rings I designed for presents. I should have mentioned that, besides the fine ring that I put on, when first I found the rings, I put one upon each of my fingers.

When I left my subterraneous dwelling, I not only bolted the door, but covered it over with earth. Being come to the statue I sat down on the highest step, in all my finery, the crown
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on my head, my staff in my right hand, and on my left stood my twig-basket; at some distance lay my bundle, which, being wrapt up in one of the gold vestments, glittered, as the sun shone very bright.

Thus I sat, with my bow and arrows hung over my shoulders, waiting for the important interview, my mind not a little agitated between hope and fear. However, I very solemnly recommended myself and my undertaking to God; and then endeavoured to fortify my mind, so that on the approach of the Indians I might not discover the least symptom of fear; for I knew on this much depended.

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I had sat near an hour before they approached; but at last saw them advance in the same order as at their first coming. At the first sight of them my heart leapt, and every limb trembled, and for a moment I wished myself within my subterraneous habitation. But as they advanced slowly, I had time enough to recover myself, and, before they came near enough to distinguish my countenance, I believe it was sufficiently steady.

As they came near, led by the high-priest and the others, they bowed almost to the ground at every step; I still kept my seat looking firmly at them. When they were come near enough to hold a conversation, they halted, and the priests and all the company, who were about

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two hundred, without any children, prostrated themselves to the ground; I then arose, and extending my golden rod towards them said, "Arise."

They did so; when, observing that they held a profound silence, I thus addressed them, with as much affability as I could; yet with an air of superiority.

"I suppose you are come to invite me to reside in your country?"

To this the high-priest answered, "Yes;" which was presently echoed throughout the whole multitude.

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I then desired the high-priest to sit down at my right hand, which he did, not without some mannerly reluctance; I then placed the other priests on the steps a little lower on the right and left hand.

Sitting with the priests in this manner, I again addressed them :

“ I suppose most of you were here
 “ three days ago, and heard, or know,
 “ what was then delivered from above,”
 pointing up to the statue. “ In con-
 “ sequence of what was then promised
 “ you, and to which you who were
 “ then present agreed, I am come to
 “ live among you, at least for some
 “ time, and to instruct you; observe
 “ what was then enjoined you.

“ You

“ You must obey my commands,
“ observe my instructions, never ask
“ who I am, from whence I come,
“ or whether, or when, I will leave
“ you.

“ Though if at any time you should
“ desire me to quit your country, you
“ may tell me so, and I will leave you.
“ And further, you are never to oppose
“ my coming here, as I shall do from
“ time to time, nor any of you pre-
“ sume to follow me hither.

“ If you will faithfully observe these
“ things, I will come and live with
“ you, acquaint you with the holy
“ books of God, instruct you in the
“ knowledge of God, and in the ways
“ of his religion; which will make
“ you happy for ever.”

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Here I paused; when the high-priest
arose up with great reverence, and hav-
ing bowed three times, almost to the
ground, said, “ Holy woman, we
“ heard, with great attention what the
“ oracle said, and when we returned
“ into our country we called, the next
“ day, all our countrymen together,
“ and told them every thing that the
“ oracle had delivered. Our country-
“ men rejoiced to hear the good news,
“ and all desire you will come and
“ live among them; they will love
“ you, obey all your commands, and
“ will make you their queen, for our
“ king is lately dead, and as he had
“ no children, we have not as yet
“ chosen a new king. Will you there-
“ fore go home with us, and be our
“ queen?”

Answer.

Answer. “ I thank you for your kind
“ offer; but I will not be your queen,
“ therefore you may choose whom you
“ please. But, as you desire it, I
“ will come and live among you, and
“ will be only your instructor.”

I had scarcely finished my answer, before the whole company made the greatest acclamations of joy, crying out,

“ Come! Come! Come! and make
“ us happy.”

I arose up, and, after their manner, made three respectful bows to them; which were returned with new acclamations of joy.

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As soon as all were silent again, I sat down, and taking out of my twig-basket two of the best rings, I presented them to the high-priest, and to each of the priests two others, near in goodness to those of the high-priest's; when, finding that I had a sufficient number of rings, I desired the people to come to me one by one, and I presented each with a ring, which they all received with great expressions of joy.

I soon found that they yet were confounded in their ideas about me, and conceived of me, as one more than mortal; for the high-priest, with great reverence, asked me if I ever ate and drank?

I cheerfully replied " Yes ; and if
" you have brought any provisions,
" I will eat and drink with you." At
this he seemed both pleased and sur-
prised. He then called to some of the
people, who came forwards, bringing
a kind of wicker baskets. The con-
tents of them were dried fish, goats
flesh, and other animal food, various
kinds of fruit, dried corn, and a li-
quor like wine.

Before I began to eat, I stood up and
said grace, at which they seemed much
surprised. Then the priests and I took
a comfortable repast together ; whilst
the people sat down, and did the same,
we all observing a profound silence
during the whole time. When we had
finished, I again surprised them with re-
turning

turning thanks, according to the manner of christians.

The high-priest, hearing me conclude with the name of Jesus Christ, asked me very submissively who he was? I answered the son of God, of whom he had heard three days ago, that he had offered himself up a sacrifice to his father, for mankind; therefore we ought to praise God in his name, and in his name to ask for whatever it is lawful for us to desire: but of this, added I, I shall speak to you more fully hereafter.

C H A P. V.

She embarks with the Indians for their country; expounds the scriptures to them, and translates the Bible and Common Prayer into the Indian language. Visits her island.

WHILST these things past, I considered, that as I was entering upon an affair of the utmost importance, it would be highly necessary to commence with prayer. I was indeed sensible that it would be, in a great measure, very unintelligible to the Indians, yet I could not be satisfied with the omission, and thought I might pray in such a manner as that they, at least, would understand that I was desiring

desiring God to do them good. I therefore stood up, and told them, I would pray to God to be good to them, and that they were all to kneel down, as I did. But that they might not think I prayed to the statue, I got up to the top of the steps, and there kneeled down, with my back to the statue, and my face towards the people; and endeavoured to level my language, as well as I could, to their understandings; whilst the whole multitude showed great attention.

As I could sing very well, having learnt whilst I was in England, and had composed several hymns in the Indian language, as soon as I had done praying, I stood up and sung. It is not to be expressed how the whole mul-

itude were affected, showing every decent expression of joy. I now told them I was ready to attend them to their own country. On this they set up a shout of gladness. I desired that some body would carry my bundle. I then set out in company with all the priests, followed by the multitude to the sea-side, where I saw a great number of canoes. I entered into one of them, and immediately the whole company entered into theirs. During our little voyage, I could not help reflecting upon the bold undertaking in which I had engaged; nor was I without my fears. But in my heart recommending myself to providence, I reassumed my courage, and fortified my mind.

When

When we approached the destined shore, it was covered with the natives, who, when I landed, respectively prostrated themselves to the earth. I, in return, bowed my body to them. I observed that they viewed my address with particular attention; whilst the priests conducted me to a little town full of small huts or cottages, into one of the best of which I was desired to enter. This, by the preparations that had been made, I supposed was designed for my residence. Here I found half a dozen Indian maids appointed to attend me, who, on my entrance, kneeled before me, till I ordered them to arise. These presented me with dried fish and flesh, fruits and flowers, and different liquors, as appeared from the look of them; for I took nothing

but some fruit, of a kind, different from any I had seen upon my own island; for I was still on an island, though much larger. After I had been here some time, with the priests, I expressed my desire to be left alone, and that I should be glad to see the priests the next morning.

How greatly was my situation changed! From a solitary being, obliged to seek my food from day to day, I was attended by a whole nation, all ready to serve me; and no care upon me but how to discharge the important business of an apostle, which I had now taken upon me. To this purpose, besides my daily instructing the priests in the knowledge of Christianity, I once a week taught the people in public; who

I found very ready, and tolerably capable, to receive my instructions.

As to the priests, I had expected much difficulty with them, and no little opposition; but was very agreeably surprized. They were very attentive, quick of apprehension, fond of instruction, and very ready to give me what assistance they could in teaching the people. The use I made of them was this; I mean the young priests, for the high priest was mostly confined at home, by the infirmities of his great age. The use, I say, I made of the young priests was to teach the children, and young people, the church of England's catechism: for as I had found a Common Prayer Book, among the few books that were in my

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chest, I translated the catechism into the Indian tongue, with a short and plain comment upon it; this I taught the priests to read, who afterwards made the children get it by heart. And as I had a Bible, I, at my leisure, translated that also, beginning with the plainest parts first, till I had finished the whole.

I from time to time read the Bible in public to them, and, as I was able, explained it. I cannot but say I found myself very happy, among these plain, illiterate, honest people. There was nothing that they could do to please me, but they did it; and often expressed their hope, of my never leaving them. I found the manner of introducing myself among them was highly serviceable to me: for though,
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in every respect, they could not but observe that I was like them; yet it was easy to discover, that they conceived me more than a mere mortal. However, I did not think it my duty, any more than my interest, to undeceive them, as this opinion secured to me that respect and authority which were necessary for me to preserve, in order to carry on the great work among them, in which I was engaged.

I sometimes amused myself in shooting with my bow and arrows, in which I exceeded any of them. But even this circumstance, trifling as it was, raised their opinion of me. In the summer season, I now and then went to visit my old island; but whenever I did so, I always ordered the Indians who

rowed me over, to wait with the canoe by the sea-side; or to return home and fetch me in the evening, whilst I roamed about at my own pleasure.

When the same time returned next year, at which season they used to visit the oracle, the priests asked me, in the name of the people, if they should go to visit the oracle. I answered by no means, for that they would never more hear any answers from it.

I passed near two years very agreeably among them; in which I not only finished the translation of the Bible, as well as that of the Catechism, but indeed of most of the prayers in the Common Prayer-Book. I also had made a great progress in instructing the people; who

whom I happily brought off from their idolatry, to the knowledge of the true God, and to a tolerable idea of the christian religion. We now regularly observed the Lord's day, according to divine appointment. Though I had no right to administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper, yet I was well satisfied, that under the circumstances we were in, I might baptize. But I never did so, till I was well satisfied that the party had a tolerable notion of the christian religion, and earnestly desired to be baptized.

I could not help making one observation, and that a very just one. I remembered when I was in England, that I used to look into some of the deistical writers in my uncle's study.

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These writers laboured to prove, that Christianity was repugnant to plain uncorrupted reason. Yet I found this assertion intirely false; for, here a people, who had no other guide but their reason, no sooner heard Christianity plainly and simply expounded to them, but they soon embraced it. And I am fully persuaded that whenever any unprejudiced person tries the religion of Christ by his reason, though he may find it in some measure above his reason, he yet will not find it contrary to it, and that it is worthy of his assenting to it.

But to continue my history. In the beginning of the third summer of my being here, not having been for a long time at my old island, on account

count of the late rainy season, answerable to winter in Europe, I ordered some Indians to row me thither, early in the morning. I told the Indians they might return back, and come again in the evening.

Every time I made this visit, I always went into my subterraneous apartments, to get some rings to distribute among the Indians. I suppose they wondered how I came by them, but never asked me. And, that they might have no suspicion that I brought them from the island, I never gave them any on my return to them; but always a few days before I intended a visit to my old habitation.

C H A P. VI.

Lands on her island, ascends the idol, perceives two Europeans approach the statue, one of whom she finds to be her cousin. Speaks to them from the oracle, and after several interrogations discovers herself.

AS soon then as I was landed I walked to the iron door, which I always left covered with earth, and fastened after me, as soon as I had struck a light. I commonly ascended into the oracular statue, and used to sit there sometimes to view the island. I did so this time; but how greatly was I surpris'd, when looking forward I saw some men advancing towards me! I soon perceived that they were Europeans, and,

and, as well as I could conjecture, at the distance they were from me, Englishmen.

I supposed that they belonged to some ship, that had either cast anchor off the island, upon some occasion, or other, or were shipwrecked; nay, thought I, they may be pirates. Whatever might be the cause of their landing, I had much to fear.

Indeed I was safe where I was; but how was I to get home? and to stay long in such a place I could not. My next fear was for the poor Indians, who would come in the evening, and not finding me by the shore, as usual, would no doubt come upon the island, in search of me, and be taken for slaves.

Nor

Nor might the evil stop thus; their country might be discovered, and probably invaded, and numbers of the people be carried away into slavery, and other injuries committed. Thus did my busy imagination create, as in a moment, evils that happily never came into existence: for these strangers soon came forwards, as I supposed, to view the statue, and being come near enough to be heard, one of them said to another, “ We have indeed found a strange
“ thing; what can this huge statue be
“ designed for?”

“ I know not,” replied one who stood by him, “ nor can I take pleasure in any discovery in a place where,
“ no doubt, my dear cousin was
“ starved to death or devoured by
“ beasts.”

These

These words, and the voice, alarmed me. "Sure," cried I within myself, "he speaks of me, and it is my cousin Winkfield."

As he came nearer, I thought more certainly it was he. I listened attentively to their conversation, in hopes to hear something that might confirm my suspicion. They stood still, I suppose, to examine the statue, when as often as one of them spoke, I was the more confirmed, by hearing and seeing him, that it was my uncle's son. "But how," cried I, "should he come here? how know I was left on this island?"

These reflections destroyed my first suspicions, and my former fears began
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to revive ; when he who I supposed was
my cousin, said, “ Let us stand here no
“ longer ; but as this seems undoubt-
“ edly to be an uninhabited island,
“ let us continue our search, and per-
“ haps we may yet find the bones of
“ my dear Unca Winkfield ; and by
“ burying them pay the last, and only,
“ respect we can to her unhappy me-
“ mory ; for if some beast destroyed
“ her, he hardly ate her bones.”

I heard these last words, including
my name, too distinctly any longer to
doubt, whether the speaker was my
cousin, or not, and perceiving the
company, was walking away cried out,
“ Winkfield, stay !”

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At these words my cousin started violently, and turning round, as they all did, said to his companion, "Surely, Charles, I was called!" "No doubt," replied his companion Charles, "but it must be some of our companions who called you; for this island is uninhabited: we have been over it enough to see its bounds."

Mr. *Winkfield*. "No, Charles; it was too loud a voice to be human. Did not you hear it, gentlemen?" *speaking to his company.*

Company. "Yes, indeed; and it was like thunder."

The joy of finding my cousin raised my spirits, and I was determined to indulge

dulge an adventure which promised much pleasure, and continued as follows.

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ Sure it must be the
“ spirit of my dear cousin ! My fa-
“ ther, who you know is far from be-
“ ing superstitious, has often said, he
“ believes, that upon very important
“ occasions, departed spirits are suffer-
“ ed to appear again : O that I could
“ hear the voice again ! ”

Unca Winkfield. “ Is your father
“ alive ? ”

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ Hark ! it speaks
“ again, like thunder ! amazing !—
“ shall I answer ? Yes I will. I hope
“ so, he was alive a few months ago. ”

One

One of the company. “ This is strange,
“ indeed ! But it may be dangerous
“ to stay ; you know not with whom
“ you may be conversing, it may be
“ an evil spirit, and may hurt us. I
“ have heard of such ; let us go.”

Another of the company. “ I think the
“ same ; and never heard that any de-
“ parted spirit, if it did return upon
“ any particular occasion, spoke with
“ a thundering voice as this. Besides,
“ look at that statue, it brings to my
“ mind the oracles that we read of in
“ ancient history ; and, to my appre-
“ hension, the voice seemed to come
“ from thence ; and, perhaps, it may
“ be true, as we have read, that devils
“ speak from such kind of statues.”

Mr.

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ You speak with rea-
“ son ; but, I think, I could be almost
“ content to speak to the devil to hear
“ news of my cousin.”

Charles. “ Fie, talk not so ; let us
“ commit ourselves to God, and wait
“ a little to hear if it will speak again,
“ and listen if the sound comes really
“ from the statue ; but do not speak
“ any more to it.”

I could not help being much di-
verted at their fears ; but unwilling yet
to discover myself, I however determin-
ed to dissipate their terrors ; and begin-
ning a midnight hymn of my uncle’s
composing, which my cousin had set
notes to, and taught me to sing,
they started when I begun ; but as
soon

soon as my cousin distinguished the tune, and understood the words, he was calm, and made a motion to the company to be silent, and when I had done, said,

“ An evil spirit would not sing such
 “ holy words. My father composed
 “ them, and I taught my cousin to sing
 “ them.”

One of the company. “ This is not
 “ to be accounted for ; yet we read
 “ that Satan can transform himself into
 “ an angel of light.”

Mr. Winkfield. “ Away ! I have no
 “ fears ; I will speak to it.—Does my
 “ cousin Unca live ?”

Unca. "She lives, and is happy."

Mr. Winkfield. "Perhaps, in heaven."

Unca. "No ; she lives upon earth."

Mr. Winkfield. " Shall I ever see
" her ?"

Unca. " You may."

Mr. Winkfield. " But when and
" where ?"

Unca. " Here ; and that soon too."

Mr. Winkfield. " Let me see her
" then."

Unca. " You shall, if you will do
" one thing."

Mr.

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ I will do any thing
“ that ”—

Charles. “ Stop, be not rash; ask
“ what you are to do before you pro-
“ mise. I am myself not without
“ my suspicions.”

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ I was going to say,
“ I would do any thing not unworthy
“ of a christian.”

Charles. “ I am satisfied.”

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ If I may see my
“ cousin I will do any thing not un-
“ worthy of a christian.”

Unca. “ What I shall require is wor-
“ thy of a christian.”

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ Propose it then.”

Unca. “ It is only to continue all of
“ you where you are, and do you sing
“ your favourite hymn, and before you
“ have done you shall see *Unca*. It
“ begins,

“ Whilst thus the sun illumines our sphere,
“ And bids the earth bring forth,
“ O spirit, deign in me to rear
“ Fruits of superior worth.”

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ I will do it—But
“ who, or what, Charles, can this in-
“ visible being be, who seems thus in-
“ timately to know me ?”

Charles. “ I know not—but its re-
“ quest is innocent and pious ; there-
“ fore begin.”

As

As this hymn was a pretty long one, I knew it would give me sufficient time to carry my design into execution; which was to go out of my subterraneous passage, drest in my priestly habits, and with my staff and crown; for in this manner I always came upon these insular visits. As they stood, it would be impossible for them to see me ascend from the earth. I pleased myself much with the surprize they would be in, to see me in a dress of which they could form no expectation, nor conceive the meaning of. I must mention one circumstance more, which contributed not a little to surprize them.

I had found among my clothes a small parcel of brass wire, which I had to mend my cages, in which I was

carrying over some curious birds to England. After I came to live among the Indians, I made a strange kind of musical instrument. It was a long narrow box, made of thin wood, with holes cut in it, and several pieces of brass wire, placed in a particular manner. This I used to place in a tree, and when the wind blew properly upon it, it would send out certain soft pleasant notes*.

I had a mind to try what effect it would have in the statue. I found out a method to fix it, opposite to the mouth, withinside of the statue, and when the

* By this description, and the use to which she applied her invention, it seems to have been of the same kind with that we now call *Æolus's* harp.

wind

wind sat right to blow into it, the sounds were very delightful, and might be heard I believe almost over the whole island. After I had made this discovery I always brought it with me, and placed it in the statue, and, if the wind stood properly, I was greatly entertained with its melodious sounds, as I walked up and down.

As I found the wind sat full against the statue, I placed the instrument before it, and heard it play with a loudness that I could not have borne long. This no doubt could not but give my visitors a new alarm; yet, from the nature of it, was less terrifying than my speaking had been, with such a magnifying voice, as the mechanism of the statue occasioned: and indeed they

were greatly alarmed, which gave birth to the following dialogue, just as my cousin began to sing, as I was afterwards informed.

Mr. Winkfield. “ Ha! how sweet,
“ but strange are these sounds !”

Company. “ Astonishing beyond con-
“ ception !”

One of the company. “ This can be
“ no human artifice; the loudness of
“ it exceeds the power of art. I wish
“ we were safe aboard our ships. I
“ never was credulous; but hence-
“ forth I shall believe every fairy tale,
“ if I escape this adventure; which I
“ much fear.”

Mr.

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ Let us be men, at
 “ least, and reflect that we are come in
 “ an honest cause. I own these ap-
 “ pearances are very extraordinary :
 “ but they may portend good as well
 “ as evil. Must every supernatural
 “ event terminate in evil ? Why may
 “ not the interruption of the usual
 “ course of things be as well for good
 “ as hurt ? ”

Charles. “ True—Let us construe
 “ the omen in our favour, and be
 “ composed, and let Mr. *Winkfield*
 “ sing the hymn he promised.”

Their conversation was so earnest,
 that they did not perceive me advanc-
 ing, taking a slope till I got behind
 them, though at some distance, just

as my cousin began his hymn. I stood still till he had done, in hopes they would see me before I walked up quite close to them; for I was afraid of alarming them too much. As soon as as my cousin had finished his hymn, and all, looking at the statue, had stood silent some minutes, my cousin exclaimed,

“ I have sung the hymn, but where
“ is Unca ?”

As he said these words, I moved gently towards the left, and then walked forwards, till I came upon a line with them. The musick still sounding, I then stopped, holding my staff so that the image of the sun, on the top of it, prevented a full view of my face. Presently,

fently, he who was called Charles saw me; when starting, aside he cried,

“ Bless me! what is that?”

Upon this all turned and saw me, to their great surprize. They stood still and silent like mutes. I now bowed my staff as saluting them, and exposed my face to their full view, not very far from them, when my cousin, in his turn, exclaimed,

“ It is my cousin’s face! but can it
“ be her?”

Unca. “ It is.”

Mr. Winkfield. “ And living too?”

Unca. “ Yes, coufin, and living too;”
and fmiling, added, “ but have you
“ forgot all your gallantry, and must
“ I make the first advance ?”

Having faid this, I began, slowly,
to ftep forward, when one of the com-
pany cried out,

“ Nay, if you all have a mind to
“ ftay till the devil comes to you, I
“ will not ;” and ran away as faft as he
could.

I ftill kept slowly moving on, whilft
my coufin, and the reft, ftood amazed,
half leaning back, as if in doubt
whether to ftay or run after their com-
panion. Their great amazement con-
founded me. I was at a lofs what to fay

or

or do. I stopt short, and all of us stood silently gazing, them at me, and I at them. - At last recovering from the confusion their great surprize had thrown me into, I addressed my cousin in these words :

Unca. “ Dear cousin Winkfield, be
“ not so much alarmed, I am really
“ your cousin Unca Eliza Winkfield.

Mr. Winkfield. “ You indeed appear
“ to be such ; but the strange things
“ which I have seen and heard to-day,
“ and your no less extraordinary ap-
“ pearance, scarce leave me sufficiently
“ master of my senses to form a right
“ judgment of what I see and hear.”

By

By this time I was got close up to him, for he stood like a statue, and giving my hand said,

“ Cousin Winkfield, be composed,
“ and satisfied, that it is your cousin
“ Unca who speaks to you.”

He then took me in his arms, embraced and kissed me, and as soon as his transports, at finding me, a little subsided he said,

“ But, pray my dear Unca, what
“ mean the huge statue; the mon-
“ strous voice, loud like thunder,
“ that talked to me and sung; this
“ loud musick, which I still hear; the
“ strange rich dress I see you in, and
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“ how have you subsisted in this strange
“ uninhabited place ? or say whether it
“ is not the abode of invisible spirits,
“ who have wrought the wonderful
“ things I have heard, and whether
“ they have not been your guardians ?
“ and whether—”

Unca. “ Stop, dear cousin ; you have
“ asked too many questions, and such
“ as cannot be answered in a hurry :
“ and I have, on my part, my ques-
“ tions to ask you, for your appear-
“ ance here is very surprizing to me.
“ How you should know of my being
“ here is what I cannot conjecture.
“ But of these things we will talk
“ together at our leisure, when you
“ are more composed.”

C H A P.

C H A P. VII.

One of the company, terrified at Unca's appearance, runs to the ship, and makes such a report to the crew, that they refuse to take them on board.

BY this time the company, being pretty well satisfied that I was a mortal, which at first they doubted of, came up to us, and wished us joy on our unexpected happy meeting. We thanked them, and I assured them, they need not be under any uneasiness; for that they were perfectly safe where they were: for however extraordinary what they had heard and seen might appear to them, the whole was the effect only of natural causes. They were too

mannerly to contradict what I said ; but I could easily perceive that they did not believe me. However, I left them to their suspicions for that time.

My cousin now briefly informed me, that one of the gentlemen in company, whom he called captain Shore, the very day I was left on this island, took my ship and the captain of it prisoner ; and had sent him to England to be tried : that captain Shore, coming to England, at my cousin's request, consented to bring him over in search of me ; as he thought, from the account that the captain had given him, he could find the island, as he happily had. He added, the ship now lies at anchor, on the part of the island
behind.

behind the statue, or whatever it is, and if you please I will conduct you on board; for by this time they will expect us to dinner, and I reckon are not a little uneasy about what may have befallen us; for I suppose our companion has made a dreadful report.

I answered that I was entirely at his disposal for a few hours. “For a few hours!” returned he briskly, “why, must my dear Unca and I ever part again? You talk strangely; and once more make me almost doubt the reality of what I see and hear.”

“Yes, we must part for a little,” answered I, “but I will soon satisfy
“you

“ you on that head. But let us pass
“ on ; I attend you.”

As we walked along I told him, that I had come over on a visit to the island that morning, and that at night I was obliged to return back to the island on which I had lived above two years ; or otherwise my friends there would be under great uneasiness at my absence. Thus we went on talking, till we came to the shore, when my cousin was greatly surpris'd at not seeing the boat.

“ I ordered the boat,” said he, “ to
“ wait for me here ; and though Mr.
“ Lock in his fright might take
“ it to go on board, he should have
“ sent it back, and there has been
“ time enough for its return.”

Upon

Upon which captain Shore took a glass out of his pocket to look at the ship, which rode at anchor, some distance off. "Bless me," said he of a sudden, "what do I see! they are preparing to set sail. Sure the crew have not mutinied." He then called to them as loud as he could, and waved his handkerchief. He then said, "They made a signal that they see me." In a little time after he saw the boat coming. It soon appeared; but as it came near to the shore, the sailors it seems heard the musick from the statue, as the wind blew directly off from the island; this, together with my tawny complection, and strange dress, so terrified them, that they stopped rowing, and would come no nearer; when one of the sailors said,

"Mr.

“ Mr. Lock said right, this is cer-
 “ tainly some enchanted island, and I
 “ would not row a stroke nearer if it
 “ was for the king.”

Second Sailor. “ Nor I ; for I hear
 “ the devil’s bagpipes playing as loud
 as thunder.”

Third Sailor. Aye ; and don’t you
 “ see that she-devil there wrapt in
 “ gold ?”

Fourth Sailor. “ I suppose she is the
 “ devil’s wife, and this is their wed-
 “ ding-day, which makes her so fine
 “ and have so much musick.”

Fifth Sailor. “ I don’t fear all the
 “ devils in hell, for I am a good ca-
 “ tholic ;

“ tholic ; I have crossed myself, and
“ prayed to St. Patrick. But the
“ devil shan’t catch me ashore for all
“ that.”

Sixth Sailor. “ I wish though I had
“ her devilship’s gold crown and gown,
“ I would go no more to sea.”

Fifth Sailor. “ You fool, if you
“ had them in your hand, they would
“ all turn to dust.”

We were obliged to hear this strange dialogue before captain Shore could put in a word. At last, with much ado, he made them hear him ; but neither threats nor fair words could prevail upon them to come nearer the shore, whilst I stayed there. One of them said, that Mr.

Lock

Lock came on board in a terrible fright, and said, he had seen a monster as tall as the moon, that it talked and sung louder than thunder, and that if he had not run away, a she-devil would have run away with him ; and as one of our men was rowing him back, they said, they saw a hundred devils fly away with you all into the air, whilst they saw a great devil playing upon the bag-pipes, and he said, that for that matter he played much better than ever he heard a Scotchman in his life.

We therefore called a council, and had agreed to sail directly, if captain Shore had not called to us.

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As soon as the sailor had done talking, I told my cousin that I would leave them, that they might go on board their ship, and try to undeceive the crew, and that I would meet him the next morning at the steps. My cousin was much concerned at this unexpected sudden separation; but it appeared absolutely necessary, and there was no time for deliberation; for the men threatened every moment to row back to the ship.

C H A P.

C H A P. VIII.

Mr. Winkfield left on shore; and after relating what passed between him and the ship's company, Unca and he retire in the evening to the other island.

THUS I left them, lamenting my own folly for not having discovered myself in a less alarming manner. As soon as I was got out of sight, the sailors set up a shout of joy, whilst I pensively walked on to my subterraneous apartments. I hastened up into the statue, to remove the occasion, which had had no little effect in the late unlucky incident. Here I sat musing on what might be the consequences of this

affair. They may perhaps, cried I, murder my cousin, or force him to return back immediately, and not suffer him to go aboard again; or, if they do, may sail away, and take him with them. Better had it been never to have seen him again, than thus to prove the occasion of his death, or of new vexation to myself. I might have concluded my life with ease and pleasure among the Indians; but if I see him no more, I shall have laid a fresh cause for uneasiness as long as I live, and drag out the remainder of my life in misery; a burden to myself, and useless to all around me. What, continued I, is human life? As a wave destroys in a moment the wave that preceded it, so often does the arising moment the joys of the last; never more to return.

Thus

Thus destroyed, perhaps, is all my past happiness! The sun, which in the morning saw me happy, now beholds me mourning; shedding tears which perhaps must flow, till death stops the current. Nor shall mine flow alone; an aged father, with his afflicted consort, may mourn a lost son, and curse the hour in which they first knew me, the unhappy means of bringing their gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

I had taken no refreshment, since I came upon the island, in the morning; and my grief was too great to let me think of any, till at last, fatigued with weeping and fasting, I grew faint. I then thought I would leave the place, and take some refreshment; but not till I had sought comfort of him who

only can give it. Now finding my mind more composed, and having determined to banish every anxious thought, till I saw what the returning day might produce (for I purposed to come again the next morning) I made haste to get above ground.

I did so, and was walking to the place where I had put some provisions, till I might want them, when I found part of the evils that my mind foreboded but too true; for who should I see walking solitarily along towards the statue, but my poor cousin! He did not see me till I called to him.

“ Cousin Winkfield, said I, what have
“ my fears proved true? will they not
“ receive you on board?

Mr.

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ No ; but be not
 “ alarmed, my dear Unca, captain Shore
 “ will soon be here again, and if, in
 “ the mean time, I can be with you
 “ I shall be happy.”

Unca. “ But will not your father
 “ and mother be alarmed at your de-
 “ lay ?”

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ They will not : for
 “ as I supposed it would be uncertain
 “ how long I might be searching for
 “ you, if I ever found you, I desired
 “ two years absence.”

Unca. “ I am so far satisfied. But
 “ relate what happened after I left you
 “ on the shore.”

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ As soon as you had
“ left us, the sailors waited till you was
“ got out of sight, and then set up a
“ great shout, which possibly you
“ heard.”

Unca. “ I did hear it, and from that
“ moment was filled with fears, lest
“ they should murder you, or leave you
“ on shore, as they have done.”

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ Weep not for me,
“ my dear Unca, for to live with you
“ I should be contented if he never
“ returns.”

Unca. “ I feel the tendernefs of your
“ expreffion. But my manner of liv-
“ ing, length of time hath rendered
“ agreeable to me ; but it would be
very

“ very disgusting to you. Rather may
 “ you soon return to your native coun-
 “ try, be happy and leave me” —

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ Stop, dear cousin !
 “ nor talk of leaving you ; I never
 “ can, nor” —

Unca. “ Hold, this is the language
 “ of a lover, ill suited to the present
 “ time and circumstances. The day
 “ wears away apace, and I must soon
 “ leave this island. Let us consider
 “ how you are to be disposed of. In
 “ the interim, will you partake of such
 “ mean fare as I have here ? for, I sup-
 “ pose, you have had no refreshment
 “ since morning any more than myself.”

We then walked to where I had
 stored my provisions, and there sat

down to our repast. I now desired him to continue his relation.

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ I said the sailors
“ shouted when you were out of sight,
“ and instead of rowing up to us, as
“ we expected, boldly told the captain,
“ that they had sworn before they set
“ out, not to bring me on board; be-
“ ing determined never to sail in com-
“ pany with, a man, who, as Mr. Locke
“ told them, had talked and sang songs
“ with the devil: and had it not been for
“ us, you know, captain, said one of them,
“ he would have brought a she-devil on
“ board with him, and as soon as she was
“ on board, to besure captain, she would
“ have sunk the ship, and flown away
“ with us all—No, no, good captain, we
“ are bad enough, indeed; but we won’t
“ keep

“ keep the devil company neither ;
 “ nor any of his cronies. He may go
 “ after her devilship if he pleases, if he
 “ can catch her ; for I saw her fly into
 “ the air. Did not you, Jack ? ”

Jack. “ Yes, that I did. And she
 “ has left a terrible stink of brimstone
 “ behind. Don’t you all smell it ? ”

All. “ Smell it ! aye to be sure ; do
 “ you think we have no noses ? ”

Captain Shore was in a great passion.
 He told them “ they were mutineers,
 “ and, he supposed, wanted to run
 “ away with the ship.” To this they
 replied,

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“ No,

“ No, no, captain, though we don’t
“ like the devil’s company, we are ho-
“ nest fellows ; we don’t want to run
“ away with the ship ; that would be
“ going to the devil another way, and
“ I warrant he would trim us for using
“ his lady so ill. You are our cap-
“ tain, and we will take you on board,
“ if you please ; but Mr. Winkfield
“ is only a passenger, and we are not
“ obliged to take him.”

Finding there was no good to be done with them, I whispered the captain that I would stay on shore all night, at all events ; but desired he would come to me in the morning, and let me know if he had brought them to reason. However, as I had not
spoken

spoken to the failors, I was willing
 to try what I could do with them.
 “Gentlemen,” said I, “you are real-
 ly under a great mistake; that gen-
 woman, whom you call a she-devil,
 is my coufin. She was three years
 ago left upon this island by a rogue
 of a captain, who ran away with
 her ship.”

Sailor. “Well, Sir, if she is not a
 devil, I suppose she is a witch, and
 that is as bad; and that made the
 captain fet her on shore. And pray
 was that tall monster who sung and
 played upon the bag-pipes your
 coufin too? You know, Sir, we
 heard him play ourselves, and the
 devil could not play louder.”

Mr. *Winkfield*. “ I was confounded
“ at this question, not knowing my-
“ self how to account for what I had
“ heard. They saw my confusion, and
“ laughed : I therefore once more told
“ the captain I would leave them, and
“ hoped to see him in the morning.
“ So we shook hands, and parted ; he
“ looking at me with great concern. I
“ remembered you said, you should
“ not leave this place till night. I
“ was therefore walking up to the
“ statue, in order to wait there some
“ time, in hopes of seeing you there-
“ abouts ; if not, I intended walking
“ up and down in quest of you ; but
“ as I was going thither, I had the
“ pleasure of hearing you call me.”

Unca.

Unca. “ I am very glad you found:
“ me so soon, for the sun is declining
“ apace; and if you had missed me
“ you would have passed an uneasy
“ night. For though there is here
“ nothing to hurt you, you could not
“ know that. But as we have done
“ eating, let us go down to the sea-
“ side, where a canoe will soon be rea-
“ dy to carry us where you shall pass the
“ night in safety. In the morning we
“ will return here, and I hope we shall see
“ the captain, and hear that matters are
“ made up on board. And as I sup-
“ pose you are impatient to know what
“ has happened to me since I was put
“ upon this island, and to know the
“ meaning of the extraordinary things
“ that you have seen and heard, I will
“ inform you as we go along.

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C H A P. IX.

They return in the morning to see whether the captain had brought the crew to obedience; but find they had forced him to sail back to Europe.

WE now walked down to the sea-side, where two Indians waited with my canoe. They seemed surpris'd at the appearance of a stranger, especially of a white man, as having never seen one before. I quickly spoke cheerfully, and told them, that he was a relation of mine, who was come to see me. They seemed very well satisfied, and asked no questions, as they were used to pay an implicit regard to every thing I said. During our short voyage

I made a brief relation of every thing that had befallen me from my first being put upon the island to the time of my cousin's arrival. He listened with an attention little short of astonishment.

“What a series,” cried he, “of
“amazing providences! I will learn
“their language, and end my days in
“carrying on the great work you have
“so wonderfully begun amongst them;
“for never shall I be able so successful-
“ly to fulfil the duties of my function
“as among a plain, uncorrupted, ho-
“nest people as these I find are; for
“since I saw you, Unca, I have en-
“tered into holy orders.”

Unca.

Unca. “The novelty of what you have
 “ heard, has heated your imagination,
 “ and hurried you into a resolution,
 “ that in your calmer moments you will
 “ retract. Besides, what will your pa-
 “ rents say to their only son’s becom-
 “ ing a voluntary exile?”

Mr. Winkfield. “They are too good
 “ to oppose so pious a resolve. What
 “ a glorious harvest do I see! I will
 “ return, and ask their leave. I know
 “ I shall obtain it. And then I shall
 “ have but one thing more to ask, and
 “ that is, Unca’s hand for ever, in re-
 “ turn for my heart, which she has long
 “ had—What says my dear cousin?”

Unca. “That we must land,” re-
 turned I, very gravely, “for we are
 “ upon

“ upon the shore, and the Indians wait-
“ ing for us.”

I saw he was chagrined at this unexpected answer so foreign to his question ; when, rising up, I gave him my hand to conduct me on shore, which he squeezed, as if he meant to punish it for the mortification my tongue had given him. It was a fine moon-light night, and there were a great many Indians waiting for my return. Seeing a stranger with me, they looked as if in doubt or fear, whether they should come up to me as usual. Perceiving their condition, I called to them with that air of affability with which I always spoke to them, telling them I had brought a relation with me, who had come a great way to see me.

Their

Their usual joy at my presence now revived, and they came up to us, shewing my cousin the same respect commonly paid to me. They attended us to my hut. I desired two of the priests to sup with us, that no offence might be given by being alone with a man: though such was the chaste simplicity of their manners, and their high opinion of me, that I believe the precaution was unnecessary; for suspicion reigns most in guilty hearts, and chiefly with regard to those we think meanly of. My cousin was pleased with his repast, though but the second time he had ever partaken of such kinds of provisions. The priests, who had learned a little English of me, were mightily pleased whenever they understood a word that my cousin said, and most highly
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so as often as they could make themselves understood. When it was time to go to rest, the priests took care to provide a proper place for my cousin.

We were up the next day very early, breakfasted, and then set out for the island. During our voyage, the night before, I was the chief speaker; but now, in his turn, my cousin briefly told me how he came to know where I was; of which hereafter.

Nor did he omit any opportunity in the course of his narration to give me to understand, that he had all along preserved that affection for me that he had formerly professed. But as often as he dropped such expressions, I took care to show no particular regard to them,

them, but only a general attention to the thread of his discourse.

When we had reached the island, I ordered the Indians not to return as usual, not knowing what sudden occasion I might have for them; but strictly charged them not to advance a foot forward into the island, nor to row to any other part of it. My cousin and I now crossed the island to the place where we expected the boat to come to. We sat and walked up and down here, by turns, till noon, but saw no boat. We then took some of the provisions we had brought, and dined. In short, we passed the whole afternoon, till it was time to think of returning home, without seeing any signs of a boat: we therefore feared the crew had mutinied, and

and run away with the ship, and may be murdered the captain and the other passengers; at least, that they would not suffer the captain to come on shore again. The evening being far advanced, we were obliged to return home, not a little chagrined at our disappointment.

My concern, indeed, arose upon my cousin's account, for had the ship arrived I would not have gone away in it, being determined to live and die amongst my dear Indians. Nor, indeed, was it his intention to have gone home in her, but to have sent word to his parents that he had found me, and was determined to live and die with me; which, however, as often as he mentioned it, I most strongly opposed.

My

My cousin insisted upon his going without me the next morning, to which I was forced to agree ; but was greatly surpris'd to see him return before noon. " What means this quick return ?" cried I ; " I cannot conjecture the " occasion."

Mr. *Winkfield*. " It seems," said he, " as if providence, though by a some- " what adverse stroke, designs that I " shall carry my resolution to teach the " Indians into practice, and spend my " days with my dear Unca, whether " she will or no ; for as I drew near, " this morning, to the part of the " shore where we yesterday waited for " the boat, I saw, as I thought, several " chests, and casks, and such, indeed, " they were : and when I came up to " them,

“ them, I beheld a stick fixed in the
 “ ground, to the top of which was
 “ tied a letter. This I took, and found
 “ it directed to me. Here it is.

“ Sir,

“ **I** solemnly assure you, that I have
 “ done every thing in my power,
 “ both by threats and promises, to
 “ induce the crew to let me fetch
 “ you on board ; but in vain : so
 “ deeply has Mr. Locke’s foolish re-
 “ ports wrought upon their supersti-
 “ tious minds ; for which indeed he
 “ is now very sorry. All that I can
 “ obtain is, that they will carry all
 “ your goods, and put them on shore by
 “ break of day, to-morrow, provided
 “ they see nothing of your cousin, as
 “ I hope they will not, and that you
 “ may

“ may at least have your goods, which
“ no doubt you will want. As the
“ men were only hired to come here,
“ they insist upon returning to Eu-
“ rope. Please God I arrive safe there,
“ I will give your father and mother
“ the best account I can. As your
“ cousin has found means of subsist-
“ ing, I hope you will too. I intend
“ to come again in search of you next
“ year; for it will be impossible to
“ come sooner. I remember your
“ cousin said her residence was on
“ another island, where I suppose you
“ will live also.

“ If I am so happy as to live to
“ come again, I will set up an high
“ pole, in some conspicuous part of
“ the island with a streamer; so that

“ if you come from time to time to look
 “ for me, you will be sure to know
 “ when I am arrived; but you must
 “ not expect me much short of a year
 “ hence. But as I know not at what
 “ part of the island I may be obliged
 “ to cast anchor, or at what distance
 “ from it, when I arrive, I will place a
 “ small piece of cannon on the shore
 “ nearest to where the ship may lie, that
 “ if you come whilst we are on board,
 “ you may by firing it, give notice of
 “ your being upon the island. I most
 “ heartily wish your cousin and you
 “ health and happiness, and hope we
 “ shall meet again; nor to that end
 “ shall any thing be wanting that may
 “ be in the power of,

“ Sir, &c. &c.”

I was heartily sorry at reading of this; but my cousin smiled, and said he should now live with me whether I would, or not. “I am,” added he, “only uneasy for my father and mother; but I know when they are assured that you are living, and that we are together, their concern will be greatly lessened, and they will comfort themselves with the pleasing hope of hearing of us both next year. And it is in your power, my dear Unca, greatly to add to their pleasure, by enabling me to acquaint them, that you have become their daughter. Let us then be united in the glorious work you have begun; teach me the Indian language, and I will join the glorious task you have commenced, and
“ tread,

“ tread, with you, the path that leads
 “ to glory and happiness by well
 “ doing. One motive for my seek-
 “ ing you was, that, if we should
 “ meet, we might be for ever united.
 “ Consider one thing more, that if you
 “ refuse me, we cannot enjoy those
 “ hours of privacy together, I at least
 “ shall wish for, without offence to
 “ those around us; at least I know
 “ your delicacy will be hurt by them.”

This last remark had some weight
 with me, yet I declined a direct answer;
 for though I loved him as a friend
 and relation, I had never considered
 him as a lover; nor any other per-
 son. It appeared to me, indeed, as if
 it must be as he would have it, yet

the reflection gave me no pleasure; for though the Indians, I believed, would not entertain any ill suspicions of my conduct, yet I could not satisfy myself with the reflection of being much alone with a man, as it hurt my modesty. However, postponing the matter for further consideration, my immediate care was to provide a sufficient number of canoes, the largest that could be got, to fetch my cousin's baggage.



C H A P. X.

Embark their effects for the inhabited island. Mr. Winkfield marries his cousin, and proceeds in the work of conversion. He relates by what means he came to the knowledge of her being in that part of the world.

THE next morning my cousin set out with a sufficient number of canoes, and brought all his things over. Besides a proper stock of clothes for himself, and some useful books, he had, as if certain of finding me living, and the naked inhabitant of a desolate island, brought over apparel for me. The linen indeed was very acceptable to me, as I now began to be in great want of it.

I was very much pleased to see a basket with about a dozen live fowls, cocks and hens; with these the island was soon stocked, and were very pleasing to the Indians, who had never seen any before. But what were these to the many other things the Indians had never seen before, at which they wondered, and were delighted with? a gun and the surprising effects of gunpowder, a telescope, and many other European curiosities, and without which indeed they were sufficiently happy! However, the sight of these raised in them an high opinion of my cousin, next to that they had for me.

I passed my time happily enough, before my cousin's arrival, but more so afterwards; for from his presence I
enjoyed

enjoyed a new advantage. We now had divine service every Lord's day; which my cousin performed in English, and I was interpreter, till he had learned the Indian language, which he did much sooner than could have been well expected; and at last preached in the Indian tongue. I had now the great pleasure of once more enjoying all the ordinances of the church, and the constant company of a religious and sensible companion, to whom, through his constant importunity, I was at last obliged to give my hand, about two months after his arrival. We first married ourselves according to the church rites, the high-priest acting as father, who died about a week after. We were also married according to the custom of the Indians, that they might

the more perfectly be satisfied, their form having nothing in it contrary to our religion.

From the time of my cousin's settling here, or rather my husband, as I must now for the future call him, the Indians were properly baptized, married, and many of them, at their earnest desire, admitted to the Lord's supper. My husband and I spent much of our time in teaching the christian religion to the children; he the boys and I the girls: so that, what with catechising, and his preaching twice a week, we had greatly the appearance of a christian country. The natural simplicity and purity of the Indian manners greatly accelerated this work.

Being

Being now more at leisure, I desired my husband to recount to me at large, what he had at first but briefly told me of, concerning his learning where I was, and of the captain who had robbed me, and set me on the uninhabited island. It was thus :

“ There came one day,” said my husband, “ a sea-faring man to my father, who enquired of him if he had not a niece at Virginia of the same name with himself. To this my father replied, that he had a brother, and niece, at that place, if they were not come away, for that he had expected them some months, his brother having sent over great part of his effects, which he had received, and who had informed him by

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“ letter, that he and his daughter would
 “ soon follow; but, added he, do you,
 “ Sir, know any thing of them?”

“ Yes, Sir, replied the stranger:
 “ your brother, I am sorry to inform
 “ you, died just as he was about to
 “ set out for England.”

Mr. *Winkfield senior*. “ I am very
 “ much concerned to hear of my dear
 “ brother’s death—But as to my niece,
 “ does she intend to come over to
 “ England, or to continue there? per-
 “ haps she has sent you with orders
 “ concerning her effects.”

Stranger. “ As to your niece, I
 “ do not come from her. I never was
 “ at Virginia in my life, nor did I ever
 “ see

“ see her : yet I have some news to ac-
 “ quaint you with concerning her ;
 “ but which I am sorry to say will give
 “ you much concern.”

Mr. *Winkfield senior*. “ Indeed, af-
 “ ter hearing of the death of my bro-
 “ ther, I shall be still farther grieved
 “ to hear of any affliction that may
 “ have befallen my dear niece ; but
 “ God’s will be done : pray let me
 “ hear it, whatever it is.”

Stranger. “ I shall be ready to give
 “ you all the information that I can
 “ about her. But as I cannot do so
 “ in a few words, I must beg your
 “ patience, whilst I relate to you cir-
 “ cumstantially all the particulars that
 “ I know.

“ I am, Sir, a captain of a mer-
“ chant-ship. As we were failing from
“ the West-Indies for this my native
“ country, we met with a sail, which
“ fired a gun for us to bring to. This
“ alarmed us ; for as it was a time of
“ peace, I feared it might be a pirate, as
“ indeed it proved ; but happily one
“ from whom we received not the least
“ injury, as you will hear.

“ We were, in no wise, capable
“ of defending ourselves, the pirate
“ being a ship of force: we, therefore,
“ were obliged to suffer them to come
“ a-board us. As soon as the captain
“ got upon deck, he address'd himself
“ to me in these words :”

Pirate.

Pirate. “ Be not alarmed : I am,
 “ indeed, a pirate, but design no hurt
 “ to you. I come on board only to
 “ ask a favour, which you can easily
 “ grant, if you, as I see you are my
 “ countryman, are bound to England ;
 “ if not, I will return to my own ship,
 “ and leave you unmolested to pur-
 “ sue your own course.”

Merchant Captain. “ I am bound,
 “ Sir, for England, and if I can ren-
 “ der you any service there, will rea-
 “ dily and faithfully do it.”

Pirate. “ If you please, I will go
 “ into your cabin with you, and there
 “ open my business more fully.”

Merchant

Merchant Captain. “ According to
“ his request, captain Shore, (for that
“ he told me was his name) and his
“ mate, and I, retired into my cabin,
“ when he soon resumed his discourse
“ in this manner.”

Captain Shore. “ I was a few years
“ ago, as I find you are, a merchant
“ captain; but having very bad suc-
“ cess, I proposed to my mate, here,
“ to turn pirate, to which he consent-
“ ing, we broke our intentions to
“ the crew, who too readily agreed to
“ our proposal. However, we all re-
“ solved never to commit a murder,
“ and rather quit our prey than kill
“ any, if we could not otherwise get
“ master of them: and this resolu-
“ tion we have happily kept to this
“ moment.

“ moment. We have been very suc-
“ cessful in our robberies. But not
“ daring to put into any port in these
“ parts, and as little to return to Eng-
“ land, we sought for, and found, a
“ small uninhabited island, where we
“ stored our treasures, and at times
“ resided. This was very privately si-
“ tuated, and where we were in no
“ danger of being discovered, and lay
“ very convenient to put to sea from,
“ and retreat to, as we saw occasion.

“ The last prize we made was in
“ this manner. Discovering a small
“ ship, we, as usual, made what sail we
“ could till we came pretty near to her,
“ and then fired a gun for her to bring
“ to. As she was a ship of no force,
“ and we had our guns out ready to
fire

“ fire upon her, she immediately sur-
“ rendered. As soon as we came on
“ board, we saw an Indian hanging up
“ alive, and bleeding at the yard-arm.
“ I asked the captain the meaning of
“ this cruel treatment. He replied,
“ that he was a very wicked fellow,
“ and had thrown him over-board, and
“ that he and five others of his coun-
“ trymen had conspired to murder all
“ the crew, and run away with the
“ ship; but that he and his men had
“ overpowered and killed the five others.
“ Though this seemed very plausible,
“ such things often happening at sea,
“ yet I could not help observing a
“ confusion in the countenance of the
“ captain, which destroyed the credit
“ of his story. Naturally abhorring
“ cruelty, and suspecting something
bad,

“ bad, I ordered the Indian to be im-
 “ mediately taken down, and his wounds
 “ to be dressed. Being determined to
 “ make what enquiry I could into this
 “ affair, I ordered the captain, and the
 “ poor Indian to be carried, for indeed
 “ he could not walk, to go down into
 “ the cabin with me and my mate :
 “ and here a dismal scene presented !
 “ the floor and wainſcot of the ca-
 “ bin all ſmeared with blood, and
 “ two female Indians wounded and
 “ bleeding, who ſeemed to ſtart with
 “ horror at the ſight of the captain.
 “ Having impoſed ſilence on the cap-
 “ tain, I ordered the women to give
 “ me an account of what had hap-
 “ pened, which, as well as their fright
 “ and weakneſs would permit, they did ;
 “ and the poor Indian, in a few words,
 “ not

“not being able to speak much, con-
 “firmed what the women had said :
 “but the captain absolutely denied
 “their relation, and appealed to the
 “crew, who confirmed his denial.

“But suspecting the captain to be
 “guilty” —

Here Mr. Winkfield senior inter-
 rupted him somewhat peevishly. “Par-
 “don me, Sir,” cried he, “you are ve-
 “ry prolix. I am confounded, and
 “want to know what all this has to
 “do with my niece ; the part of the
 “world, the slaves alarm me ; let me
 “know the worst at once : was my
 “niece murdered, Sir, on board this
 “ship ?”

Merchant

Merchant Captain. “ No, Sir, she
 “ was not, and may be yet living for
 “ ought I know to the contrary.”

Mr. Winkfield senior. “ May be yet
 “ living! you talk mysteriously. I thought
 “ you came to tell me news about her,
 “ and you only say *she may be yet liv-*
 “ *ing*—I abhor suspense; if you know
 “ any thing concerning her, tell it me at
 “ once.”

Mr. Winkfield junior. “ Honoured
 “ Sir, don’t be in such a hurry, you will
 “ offend the gentleman, and we may
 “ never come to the perfect knowledge
 “ of this affair.”

Merchant Captain. “ Sir I take
 “ no offence, I attribute your father’s
 inter-

“ interruption to his concern for his
 “ niece, but cannot give him the in-
 “ formation he wants, except in the
 “ manner I was going to do it. If
 “ it be agreeable, I will proceed.”

Mr. Winkfield senior. “ I am of a
 “ warm temper, Sir, the subject is ve-
 “ ry interesting, and in affection I
 “ know no difference between my
 “ niece and my daughter; I hope there-
 “ fore you will excuse my rude inter-
 “ ruption, and be pleased to proceed
 “ in your own way.”

Merchant Captain. “ I am satis-
 “ fied. I left off I think, with saying
 “ that notwithstanding the captain’s de-
 “ nial of what the Indians accused him
 “ of, and though backed by his crew,
 that

“ that captain Shore still thought him
 “ guilty.”

Mr. *Winkfield senior*. “ You did, good
 “ Sir, what am I next to hear? poor
 “ Unca !”

Merchant Captain. “ I was deter-
 “ mined, said captain Shore, to come
 “ to the bottom of this affair, and
 “ therefore made every inquiry that
 “ I could. The account the Indians
 “ gave me was this, that their mistress’s
 “ name was Unca Eliza Winkfield ;
 “ that her father, a very rich man,
 “ had lately died at Virginia ; that she
 “ was coming over to England to an
 “ uncle, her father’s brother, a clergy-
 “ man ; that she had great riches on
 “ board the ship ; and that the ship also
 “ was

“ was her's, which she had promised
“ to give upon her arrival in England
“ to the captain, who took care of it
“ for her, and who was a poor broken
“ man ; that the captain would
“ have forced her to sign a bond, to
“ marry his son upon their arrival in
“ England, where he lived ; that upon
“ her absolute refusal to sign this bond,
“ he threatened to put her upon some
“ uninhabited island. Saying this in the
“ hearing [of her male-slaves, who
“ loved her dearly, he who had been
“ hanged up at the yard-arm, and
“ another, threw the captain out of the
“ cabin window into the sea ; but
“ that swimming to the ship, he was
“ taken up again, when at the head
“ of his men he came into the cabin,
“ murdered five of the male Indians,
“ and

“ and hung the sixth up at the yard-
 “ arm, intending there to let him die ;
 “ and then put their mistress upon a
 “ desolate island, and was proceeding
 “ to sail away with the ship and all
 “ their mistress’s effects.



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C H A P. XI.

Continues his relation. Some account of captain Shore, who resolves to leave off his piratical practices.

“ HAVING heard this relation,
 “ continued captain Shore, I im-
 “ mediately searched among the goods
 “ on board, and found sufficient proofs
 “ that they belonged to Mrs. Wink-
 “ field.

“ However, I was determined, if
 “ possible, to make the captain con-
 “ fess his guilt: looking therefore very
 “ sternly, I gave orders that my men
 “ should take and hang him up at
 “ the yard-arm, where the poor Indian

“ had lately hung, and there to
 “ remain till he should confess his
 “ crime, or die ; when he, seeing my
 “ command was going to be carried
 “ into execution, immediately acknow-
 “ ledged his crime, and, falling down
 “ at my feet, besought my pardon.
 “ No, cried I, if the innocent could
 “ find no mercy, the guilty shall not.
 “ You was deaf to the cries of the
 “ injured Mrs. Winkfield, and I will
 “ be deaf to yours ; you shall be
 “ hanged.

“ At the instant I uttered this com-
 “ mand these words of Scripture came
 “ strong upon my mind, suddenly like
 “ lightning, *Thou art inexcusable, O*
 “ *man, whosoever thou art, that judgest :*
 “ *for wherein thou judgest another, thou*

“ *condemnest thyself: for thou that judgest*
“ *doest the same things. And thinkest*
“ *thou this, that thou shalt escape the*
“ *judgment of God? I was so sensibly*
“ *struck with these words, that I started*
“ *up, as in a fright, from my seat.*
“ *What, cried I to myself, am I doing?*
“ *is such a wicked wretch as I am a*
“ *proper person to set in judgment*
“ *upon another? I have not murdered*
“ *indeed, but how many robberies have*
“ *I not committed? My heart was*
“ *changed, as it were in a moment, I*
“ *saw my own wickedness, abhorred*
“ *myself, and repented. But conceal-*
“ *ing my confusion, as well as I could,*
“ *from those about me, I turned about*
“ *to the captain, and said, I will not*
“ *take upon myself to execute the*
“ *sentence upon you that your crimes*
“ *deserve;*

“ deserve; but I will take care to have
“ you and your men sent to England,
“ there to be tried by the laws of your
“ own country.

“ I then ordered that he should be
“ secured, and all his men, and to
“ make the best of our way with both
“ ships to our island. When we ar-
“ rived there, I ordered all possi-
“ ble care to be taken of the three
“ Indians. But the poor Indian who
“ had been hung up, died in a few
“ days. Whilst he lived, he greatly
“ lamented the fate of his mistress,
“ and almost his last words were, *Pray*
“ *hang the wicked captain.* As to the
“ females they soon recovered, their
“ wounds being but slight.

“ The day after we reached our
“ island, I told my mate what had
“ passed in my mind the day before;
“ and that I was determined to leave
“ off the evil course I had unhappily
“ engaged in, at all events. He seemed
“ much affected with what I said, and,
“ after pausing some time, answered,
“ But how shall we be able to extricate
“ ourselves? Where go to live with
“ safety?

“ To this I replied, that I was de-
“ termined to save my soul, if I could
“ not my body, and would sooner get,
“ by some means or other, to Eng-
“ land and be hanged, than continue
“ the life I had led. For I considered
“ the words that came into my mind
“ yesterday as no less than the words
“ of

“ of God. To this my mate replied, I
 “ am not a little affected with what hap-
 “ pened to you yesterday, and do pray
 “ that I may be enabled to follow you
 “ in so good a resolution; and may God
 “ give to us both, *a repentance not to*
 “ *be repented of.* But what shall we do
 “ with our men?

“ I answered, I have not been with-
 “ out my thoughts concerning them.
 “ You know they all love me much,
 “ and are not such wicked men as most
 “ of their profession commonly are.
 “ And I have at times heard them la-
 “ ment their long absence from their
 “ families, and now and then express
 “ some dislike at the unhappy way
 “ they are in. I intend therefore to
 “ talk to them, and to propose a way

“ by which possibly we may all obtain
“ our pardon, and return again to our
“ own country.

“ Accordingly the same evening I
“ called them all together, and, my
“ mate being present, thus addressed
“ them :

“ My dear countrymen !

“ I once was so unhappy, and so
“ wicked, as to persuade you to join
“ with me in the evil course, which
“ we have but too successfully fol-
“ lowed for some years. What dis-
“ tress, by our robberies, have we
“ brought upon many innocent per-
“ sons ? But how much greater dis-
“ tress will come upon us, unless we
“ most seriously repent of our sins ?

“ You

“ You know what happened, yesterday,
 “ on board the ship, we took. Whilst
 “ I was, in presence of some of you,
 “ reproving that wicked man, my own
 “ conscience smote me with these
 “ words of holy writ, *Thou art inex-*
 “ *cusable, O man, whosoever thou art,*
 “ *that judgest: for wherein thou judgest*
 “ *another, thou condemnest thyself: for*
 “ *thou that judgest doest the same things.*
 “ *And thinkest thou this, that thou shalt*
 “ *escape the judgment of God?*

“ From that moment it was, I hope,
 “ given me to repent, and I am de-
 “ termined to break off my sins,
 “ let the event be what it will. As
 “ I once led you into the ways of
 “ sin, happy should I be, if I might
 “ recover you to the paths of virtue.

“ Consider, though we have hitherto
“ escaped the vengeance of man, we
“ cannot escape that of God. Nor, in-
“ deed, can we in all probability, to the
“ end, escape the justice of man. The
“ wretch who yesterday no doubt glo-
“ ried in his success over an innocent,
“ helpless woman, before night fell into
“ our hands, and has lost his liberty,
“ and the riches for which he damned
“ his soul. Let his fate be a warn-
“ ing to us before the like befalls us:
“ I have thought of a method by
“ which we may very probably es-
“ cape the punishment due to our
“ crimes, do a noble piece of justice,
“ and have an opportunity, if God
“ shall please to bless it, to repent.

It

“ It is to keep the prisoners we
 “ took yesterday close confined on
 “ board their own ship, and to secure
 “ that and the treasure in it, and to
 “ draw up the whole account of this
 “ affair to send it to the injured la-
 “ dy’s uncle in England, acquainting
 “ him that if he will apply to king
 “ James, and procure a pardon for
 “ us, that we may return to England,
 “ upon condition that we bring the
 “ captain and all his crew there, that
 “ they may suffer for their crimes, and
 “ deliver up to the lady’s uncle the ship
 “ and all the effects on board. This
 “ no doubt will be complied with.
 “ To carry this scheme into execu-
 “ tion, is to stop the first small ship
 “ that we may meet with going to
 “ England; I will tell the captain our

“ situation, and desire him to take
“ me on board, and set me down on
“ the coast of Holland or France, as
“ may be most convenient, where I
“ may wait in safety, whilst he carries
“ my letters to England, and till I
“ can receive the conditional pardon
“ and a passport for myself and you
“ to return to England in a conve-
“ nient limited time; which, as soon
“ as I receive, I will hire a small sail-
“ ing-vessel, and make what haste I
“ can to you, that we may once more
“ see our native country. As we have
“ always divided among ourselves what
“ we have taken, if I reach England,
“ I will publish my return, with an
“ offer to restore the effects I have un-
“ justly taken, to such persons as can
“ satisfy me that I robbed them, though

“ I should have nothing left. For if
 “ I don't do so, I shall doubt the sin-
 “ cerity of my own repentance; for
 “ there can be no true repentance with-
 “ out restitution. As to you, I must
 “ leave it to your own consciences,
 “ whether you will follow my ex-
 “ ample, or not. But God grant
 “ you may! Consider what I have said,
 “ and may God direct you, and to-
 “ morrow give me your answer.

“ They accordingly came to me the
 “ next morning, when they all ex-
 “ pressed their hearty consent to my
 “ proposal. Though I could not but
 “ observe, that this unanimity of opi-
 “ nion proceeded from different mo-
 “ tives; in some it arose only from
 “ fear of being caught and hanged, in

“ others, from a desire of enjoying
“ their ill gotten wealth : but I had the
“ pleasure to find that a few were
“ touched with what I had said, and
“ seem'd to manifest signs of re-
“ pentance.

“ I answered, that since they were
“ come to this resolution, our imme-
“ diate business was to watch for the
“ opportunity, and that when it of-
“ fered, I told them, that they must
“ be sure to continue upon the island
“ till I should return, unless I staid so
“ long as to give them good reason to
“ conclude, that some accident had
“ happened to me. This they all
“ most solemnly promised to do.

“ And

“ And now, Sir, said captain Shore,
“ speaking still to me, the wished-for
“ opportunity offers, if you please to
“ afford it; but I lay you under no
“ restraint; for though I wish you
“ may grant my desire, you are at
“ your liberty. If you have any rea-
“ son to object to it, you are welcome
“ to pursue your voyage in peace and
“ safety; for I will not offer the least
“ injury to you, or any with you.”

“ For my part, answered I, I am
“ very ready to give you all the as-
“ sistance in my power, towards
“ carrying so good a resolution in-
“ to action, and as I have some
“ business to transact upon the coast
“ of France, I can very conveni-
“ ently land you there, and when I
arrive

“ arrive in England will diligently and
“ faithfully execute what commission
“ you shall please to give me.”

“ Well then,” replied captain Shore,
“ I will go on board my own ship,
“ and get together such things as I
“ want, and return to you, that we
“ may proceed upon our voyage. In
“ the mean time, Sir, in order to re-
“ move any bad impressions that your
“ crew may have conceived of me,
“ be pleased to inform them that I
“ did not stop you as a pirate, but
“ only to request the favour of a pas-
“ sage to France. I promised I
“ would do so ; and accordingly did ;
“ and they were all well satisfied.

“ As

“ As soon as captain Shore returned
“ on board with his baggage, we set
“ sail, and when we arrived upon the
“ coast of France, I there left him,
“ and, being myself returned safe to
“ England, have waited on you. And
“ here, Sir, continued the strange cap-
“ tain to my father, is a letter from
“ captain Shore to you, bills of parcels
“ of the goods on board your niece’s
“ ship, and some other papers belonging
“ to your niece.”

C H A P.

C H A P. XII.

After captain Shore had obtained a pardon for himself and crew, he returns in search of Mrs. Winkfield. Fate of the captain who left her on the uninhabited island. They resolve to settle their affairs in England, and live with the Indians. Conclusion.

“ **M**Y father and I heard this wonderful relation with great attention and surprise ; but still mourn-
 “ ed for you, my dear Unca, being
 “ ignorant of your fate. However,
 “ we proceeded to bring the cap-
 “ tain to justice. The case was laid
 “ before the king and council, toge-
 “ ther with captain Shore’s petition,
 “ on behalf of himself and people.
 “ I got the conditional pardon grant-
 ed,

“ ed, having three years allowed to
 “ bring home the ship and crew, with
 “ a proper passport.

“ As soon as captain Shore received
 “ notice of this, he came home to
 “ England, in order to hire a ship
 “ to carry him back to his people.

“ Whilst he was making the proper
 “ preparations for his voyage, we were
 “ much together. I asked him, as he
 “ was well acquainted with those parts
 “ where my cousin had been left upon
 “ some island or other thereabouts,
 “ whether he thought it improbable
 “ to discover the island.

“ He answered, I know those parts
 “ extremely well, and I doubt not, that
 “ if

“ if the captain will give me the best
“ account of the situation of the island
“ that he can, but that I should be
“ able to find it out. This gave me
“ great pleasure. Well then, said I,
“ if my father and mother will give
“ their consent, I will go along with
“ you in quest of her.

“ It is not impossible, added I; but
“ she may be yet living. I have read
“ of as surprising deliverances; at the
“ worst we may find her bones, and pay
“ the last honours to her dear un-
“ happy memory: and here, my dear
“ Unca, I wept indeed!

“ My father and mother consented
“ with pleasure, and as soon as every
“ thing was settled, and ready, we
“ failed.

“ failed. We had a speedy and prof-
“ perous voyage to the captain’s island ;
“ where he and the pardon he brought
“ were highly welcome. I there saw
“ the wicked captain, who robbed you.
“ He gave captain Shore a very clear
“ account of the situation of your island.
“ We staid here no longer than till
“ your ship and the captain’s were
“ ready to sail for England with your
“ treasure, and the prisoners all under
“ his mate’s command. We promised
“ to follow them soon, to our native
“ country. We then set sail for your
“ island, and happily discovered it ; but,
“ what was a much happier discovery,
“ found you alive and well.”

Thus my husband ended his extraor-
dinary relation ; full of a wonderful
series

series of providences. At length the time arrived to expect the return of captain Shore ; and now my husband went twice every week over to the island for three months ; but no appearance of any ship. But at last as he approached the shore one morning, he saw a streamer playing in the air ; he knew the signal, and rejoiced. But walking to the place where he had first landed out of the ship that brought him, he saw no cannon, nor any body upon the island ; he continued walking along the shore, yet saw no ship. At last he spied a cannon ; having always a tinder-box ready about him for the expected occasion, he struck a light, and fired the cannon. It was not long before he saw a boat making for the shore, and soon discovered that captain Shore was
one

one of the company. They were very glad to see each other. It seems captain Shore had arrived but the day before, when he set up the flag, and having waited all day, left the cannon ready charged before he returned on board. My husband went on board the captain's ship, and dined with him, when they agreed that captain Shore should come with my husband to our island, and spend three days with us. We were both very glad to hear that our father and mother were all well, and our sisters. We desired captain Shore to relate the particulars that had happened from the time he left the island, which he did, as follows :

Captain Shore. “ I shall pass over the
“ unimportant accidents that occurred
during

“ during our voyage. Upon our ar-
“ rival in England, I found all your
“ family well. They were amazingly
“ surpris'd to hear of Mrs. Wink-
“ field's being alive. And the thought
“ of your being together made them
“ easy as to their not seeing their son
“ again with me, as they expected.
“ But when I told them of the strange
“ things that I had seen and heard on
“ the island, they were confounded. I
“ know not, said your father, what to
“ make of these things; they exceed
“ human comprehension. Surely your
“ fears and surpris'e made you to
“ imagine things to exist that really
“ did not. May be so, returned I,
“ willing to drop a subject, that I
“ myself did not understand, and which
“ if

“ if insisted on, might have given
“ great uneasiness.

“ I should have returned much sooner
“ here, continued captain Shore; but
“ as my ship, and Mrs. Winkfield’s
“ were both arrived a week before me,
“ I was obliged to stay till the cargoes
“ were landed, and what belonged to
“ Mrs. Winkfield committed to your
“ father’s care. Besides, I was obliged
“ to attend the trial of the captain
“ and the crew, who were found guilty
“ upon their own confession. The cap-
“ tain, and three of his men, were
“ hanged at Execution-Dock, and af-
“ terwards hung in chains; the rest of
“ the crew were transported for life. As
“ soon as this was over, I, and my
“ men, took out our pardons in due
“ form.

“ form. They afterwards went where
 “ they pleased. Several persons, who
 “ I had robbed at sea brought in their
 “ claims, all which I fully answered.
 “ These things settled, I set out in Mrs.
 “ Winkfield’s ship, and arrived safe at
 “ your first island.”

In return to captain Shore’s relation,
 we acquainted him with every thing
 that we had done in his absence, and
 satisfied his curiosity about the wonder-
 ful things that he had met with upon
 the island. When we had finished our
 account, the captain expressed great
 surprize and satisfaction at what had
 happened, and added, “ Since what has
 “ befallen me, I shall not like to reside
 “ in England, nor any more to be con-
 “ cerned in worldly affairs ; therefore if
 “ you

you think me a true convert, let me join in your society. We replied, that we had no doubt of his sincerity, and should be very glad of his company.

We now agreed captain Shore and my husband should return together to England, that my husband might take a final leave of his relations, receive his parents blessing, and settle half of his and my fortune upon his sisters, and leave the rest for charitable uses, and bring over such books and things as might be useful to us in our retirement. But we first determined to go upon my island, to collect all the gold treasure there, to blow up the subterraneous passage, and the statue, that the Indians might never be tempted to their former idolatry. When all this

was done, and the golden treasure put on board, the captain and my husband set out upon their voyage. They arrived safe in England, saw our father and mother, who consented to their son's request, and gave him their blessing. As soon as my husband had sold his golden treasure, and settled his affairs, and bought a large library of books, and many kinds of goods and linen, he and captain Shore once more returned to me. We ordered the sailors to unload their cargo upon my first island, and to leave us a large boat for the more convenient conveying our goods to the other island, where we lived. We did not suffer the sailors to come any farther upon the island, than just to land the goods, that no discovery of our habitation might

might be made. As we never intended to have any more to do with Europe, captain Shore and my husband ordered a person who came for that purpose, to return to Europe with the ship, by whom, for my father and mother's satisfaction, I sent over these adventures.

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